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METHOD SYSTEM AND  
SOFTWARE FOR ORDERING  
GOODS AND/OR SERVICES OVER  
A COMMUNICATION NETWORK

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Kindly amend the application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 1, with the  
following rewritten paragraph:

--Fig. 2a-2g illustrates a flow chart of the operation of the system  
of Fig. 1 in accordance with the present invention;--

**IN THE DRAWINGS**

A marked up copy of Figures 2c, 2d, and 2e showing changes in  
red are included at the end of Applicants' response.